

Docket No. 0164-4015**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Richard Alexander

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Examiner: Sue A. Weaver

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For: **QUICK OPENING GARMENT PROTECTOR****INFORMAL COMMUNICATION**

Further to the Examiner interview and the informal communication received from the Examiner, the Applicant notes that he is contemplating submitting a response including the following amendments and remarks.

I. Amendments

1. (Currently Amended) A garment protector comprising:

an elongated envelope to be disposed about a garment, said envelope

having a front side and a back side,

at least one zone of weakness on either one or both sides along which said envelope may be parted to facilitate separating the garment protector from the garment, and

~~at least one step on the zone of weakness which protects the zone of weakness from inadvertently parting~~

wherein said envelope is defined by areas of said envelope that are intact and interrupt the zone of weakness.